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Judge Kolar Kottely
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Dear Judge Kottely,

Since the Clinton years the federal government and several states have been pursuing an anti-trust case against Microsoft which has been one of our country's leading producers of innovative technology. It appears that we are now faced with an opportunity to clear our courts of this case for good. I am hopeful that those in charge will cease this opportunity.

While I am not directly involved with the technology industry and am not a legal scholar, I am a consumer and taxpayer that follows current events very closely. When this case was first brought I was disappointed to learn that my own Attorney General, Carla Stovall, was dragging Kansas into this litigation. It is my belief this case should have never been brought in the first place because it serves no public good.

The theory under which this case was brought is that Microsoft was harming the consumers of their product and had established a sort of monopoly. I do not believe this theory has been borne out with substantial evidence.

What I see is a company that has put products on the market that are appreciated and purchased by consumers. Because of Microsoft's ability to provide customers with products they want, the company has experienced tremendous growth. This is not a reason to punish them! Rather, it is more proof that our system of free enterprise and competition works.

Companies like Microsoft that succeed through supplying innovative and highly demanded goods to consumers should be celebrated not torn down. It is just these types of companies that help stimulate our economy by encouraging consumer confidence, creating jobs, and growing their industry. When the government steps in to flex its regulatory muscle real harm is done.

Again, the settlement on the table provides those in charge with an opportunity to end a case that has been harmful to the public good. I urge you to take that opportunity and give your approval to the settlement.

Thank you,

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